This report is on my first visit to Libya during the period 15th – 19th January 2008.I arrived Tripoli Thursday 15th evening around 2200 hours. Wednesday was mostly spent with preparation and printing of the learning materials which I had on a soft copy. I didn't carry any hard copy with me.

The meeting with the friends was conducted on Thursday after noon for duration of 5 hours and on Friday all day. The following are some comments on this visit:

1. Frankly I didn't imagine these outcomes. This is no doubt a direct result of your prayers and the dedication and enthusiasm of the dear friends in Libya who almost all attended the meetings apart from one family (Mr.Ahmed Helmy) as they were in a visit to Egypt while I was there. There was no opposition or objection of any kind from any of the friends, more over they all agreed on moving ahead to the next stages with full obedience to the writings and guidance of the UHJ.

2. We sheared from the writings the objectives and role of pioneers at this time of the plan and the expectation of their participation in the growth of the faith in this country.

3. The majority of the friends in Libya face the common problem in regards of issuing residential permit due to the instability and nature of difficulty of attaining permits. That goes as well for those with work contracts. However, despite those obstacles, the friends are certain that with pure pioneer intentions, doors will eventually be opened and difficulties solved.

4. The friends were very delighted after I explained the reason of such visits which is, to accompany the dear friends of Libya for a period of one year of a systematic growth experience. I also explained that this will be accomplished through regular visits which are to be conducted every three months. a lot of learning experience will be gained hence planning for next period will be on figures and real facts

5. The friends have asked me to convey their love and gratitude to the ITC for their concern and blessing. They now feel that they are truly linked to the bahai world and constant communication is finally set there for them.

6. The learning program sessions included quotations selected from the holy writings that explain the role of pioneers, with a comparison on the role of the pioneers in the ten years plan and now. The inspiring number of pioneers in Libya at present day makes every individual proud and eager for the day where locals would join the Baha'i faith.
We then went through the UHJ message to the Bahais in the Arab world followed by shearing the real meaning of wisdom from different quotations from **Baha'u'llah** and **`Abdu'l-Bahá**, I then moved to the topic of obeying the governments and to what extend would this apply as to the guide of the UHJ and finally we ended the first day with a small workshop on the

message to the counsellors December 2005 focusing on the role of the individuals in the plan and the description of the true Baha'i as defined in the message.

7. On Friday morning we went through Ruhi 6 in a refreshing course, focusing more on part three which discusses The **Act of Teaching**, **Personal Teaching Plan and Anna presentation**. After that I distributed a three months personal teaching plan for each individual or family which I designed earlier in Bahrain and used it while conducting Ruhi book 6, explaining how Anna presentation is to be used and how to set goals , priorities and create opportunity not only grasp them.

8. In the evening I illustrated what is the Family teaching project and how it works.

9. I sheared with the friends the last bulletin of reflection on growth, about the direct teaching. It was the first time for them to hear about such bulletin.

10. I did encourage them to conduct daily devotion within each family for gaudiness and assistance in teaching and within the community as whole once every two or three weeks, to keep the momentum and be focused.

11. Then I had the pleasure to attend the 19 Days feast with friends.

12. They did request to go through Ruhi 7 next visit

13. After leaving and as agreed two study circles among those who didn't finish the sequence started , also I trained two to take care of running Anna presentation sessions , as I am following up with them I have noticed that they did three sessions in this regards .

I did book for my next trip which will be from 27 / 4 – 2/5/2008 .

Warmest Regards

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